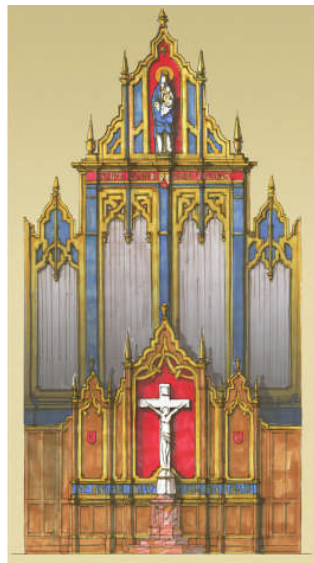


World Religions – The Latin Rites

Overview

In previous issues we have talked about the East and West Catholic Churches. While there is considerable diversity within these groups the Western Church or the Latin Rite has its own level of diversity. Let's look at these, recognizing that they all have similar elements and form and are within the approvals of the Holy See. In a future article we will also examine the East Church.



The Roman Rite

Within the Latin Rite the Roman Rite is the most common and the other rites are often overlooked. Most of the Catholics in the USA, Latin America, Europe and Africa use this rite. There are two forms with Vatican approval.

- 1) The first and the most common is the Ordinary Form which is celebrated using the current Missal of Paul VI. This was the offshoot of Vatican II with beginnings from 1975. This is the form most Americans have used following Vatican II.
- 2) The second is called the Extraordinary Form which has its beginnings from John XXIII in 1965. Both can be traced to the earliest church. Pope Benedict has made

an effort to make this form available on a larger scale.

The Anglican Use Rite

With the approvals of the Holy See this rite is used by those Anglican Churches which have converted from the Anglican Church. When this happens the priest and the entire parish is converted to Roman Catholicism. The Anglican Rite is used and the priest – if married – continues along with his family.

The Ambrosium Rite

This is a rather limited rite – with uncertain beginning dates – and is attributed to the Bishop Ambrose. It is only used in the Archdiocese of Milan, Italy. Baptism by immersion and a few other features are different from the Latin Rite.

The Carmelite Rite

Developed by the Carmelites in the 13th century it is still celebrated in some of the communities.

The Carthusian Rite

The rite was developed in the 12th century and has its original from Bruno (1030-1101). As compared to the other Latin Rites is has a more simplified form – as the order emphasizes solitude and silence.

The Dominican Rite

The Dominican order developed this rite in the 13th century but adopted the Roman Rite in the 1960's. It is still occasionally used.

The Mozarabic Rite

Dating back to the 6th century, this rite was once celebrated in Spain and Portugal. The term “*mozarabic*” refers to Christians living in Muslim countries. Currently it is in limited use in only a few of their dioceses.